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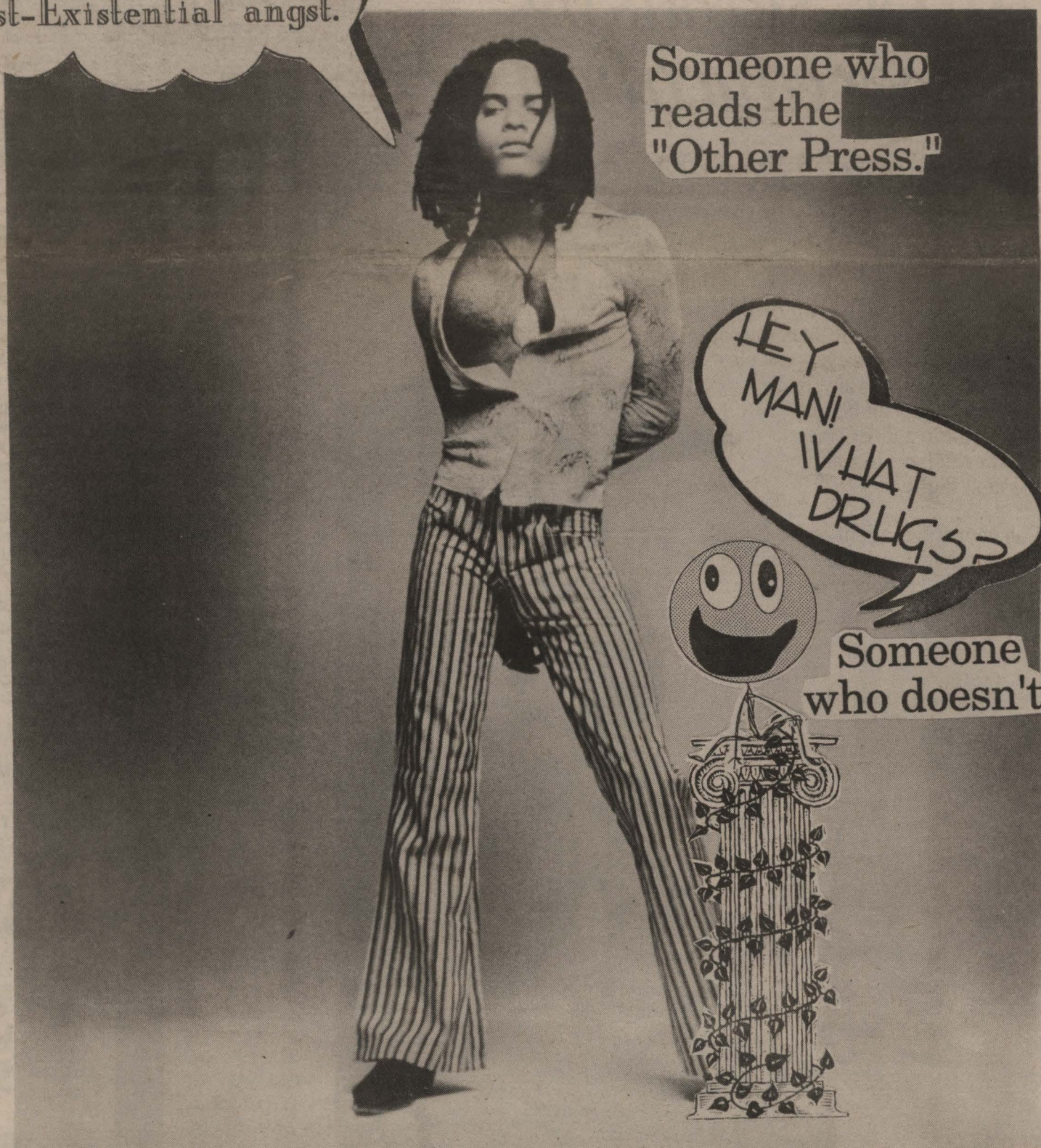
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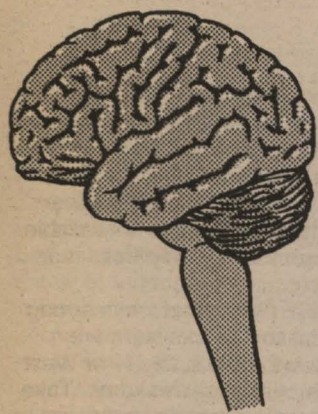
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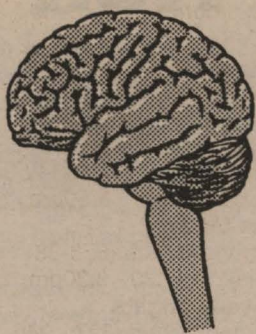


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Rushton's Brain.

Rushton's Back With a New Study

TORONTO (CUP) — Three years after the publication of his controversial race-ranking study, University of Western Ontario psychology professor Philippe Rushton theories are raising their ire of the academic community.

This time, women are the target. Rushton and Western zoology professor David Ankney have completed studies they say show women have smaller brains than men.

The studies allege that women's brains are on average 100 cubic centimetres smaller than men's. That's eight per cent smaller, even after factoring in the overall difference in body size differences between the sexes.

Ankney has argued the discrepancy could account for the fact that more men go into the mathematical and spatial sciences than women.

The studies are to be published this month in *Intelligence*, a scientific journal.

Rushton's race-ranking study, published in 1989, claimed that Asians are superior to whites who are in turn superior to blacks in intelligence, lawfulness and sexual restraint.

The new gender-based studies have sparked a new debate at Western.

Peter Ewart, a spokesperson for

the Academic Coalition for Equality (ACE) at Western, said the studies are potentially dangerous.

He said other studies concentrating on gender or racial superiority have contributed to the development of academic racism, which in turn have adversely affected social programs and immigration policies in the U.S.

"Those studies have been used against the middle and working classes as well as against women and people of color," Ewart said.

"(They have) had a big effect," he said. "But Rushton is not an anomaly in that way. Universities have played a bad role."

But some academics are staunchly defending Rushton's right to publish his theories.

The Society for Academic Freedom and Scholarship—a group of 40 Ontario professors—opposes what it sees as a growing move to ban "offensive" materials.

Dr. John Furedy, a University of Toronto psychology professor who is a director of the society, said everything should be open to study.

"The way to ignorance and totalitarianism is to forbid the raising of certain questions," he said.

"When you try to suppress the issue, you get a much more doctrinal and extreme version."

"The extreme conclusions brought on by suppression get preserved. For instance, when you ban a book, it becomes more popular because you've banned it."

For his part, Ewart said a no-holds-barred approach to academic freedom can do more harm than good.

He cited Nazi Germany as a situation where academic freedom in scientific research enabled Nazi leaders to justify their views on the basis of scientific evidence.

Dr. Neil Wiener, a York University psychology professor, called studies like Rushton's and Ankney's "bio-politics," which he said have been going on for 2000 years.

He said the issue is not freedom of speech, but university accountability.

"You can't prevent people from articulating their beliefs," Wiener said. "The real issue is, 'does anyone want to fund it?'"

The onus is on individual universities to decide what kind of research will be conducted at their institution, he noted.

"The University of Western Ontario has provided a very comfortable environment in terms of allowing him (Rushton) to take time off and do research. Nothing required the university to do so."

Gouging Students to Pay Deficit

by Naomi Klein

TORONTO (CUP) — Ontario's provincial government will consider raising tuition by 500 per cent, taxing provincial student grants and selling student loans to banks, according to a memo from the province's deputy minister of revenue.

The leaked copy of the confidential government memo dated July 28 lists a series of ideas designed to increase the government's non-tax income and reduce the province's \$10 billion deficit.

In the memo—which was addressed to all deputy ministers—then-provincial Deputy Minister of Revenue Kim Noble described the initiative.

"An inter-ministerial working committee has been established to develop ideas on new major revenue generators across the Ontario Public Service," she wrote.

If university tuition was increased 500 per cent in Ontario, students would pay at least \$10,000 a year.

Among the proposals are plans to levy a three-per-cent tax on Ontario Student Assistance Program grants and to increase tuition to "full cost recovery"—making students pay the full cost of their education.

Currently, undergraduate tuition represents approximately 18

per cent of the full cost of a student's education. The rest is funded by government transfer payments to universities.

Student loans are presently administered by the government—not by private banks—and although there is a three-per-cent federal tax on student loans, student grants are not taxed.

Government officials at the

"They are looking at a 500 per cent increase in tuition fees."

province's Ministry of Colleges and Universities and Ministry of Treasury and Economics said the list of civil servants' ideas will be considered by the government.

"I can't rule out anything, I can't rule in anything either," said Bob Parker, senior advisor to the minister responsible for post-secondary education.

"This is for the treasurer's information, he may decide some are viable."

Parker added that the ideas came from the treasurer's office and not his ministry.

"For these projects to see the light of day, they would have to go

through the ministry's (of colleges and universities) office."

U of T President Rob Prichard said although he supports a tuition hike to 25 per cent of the total cost and believes programs like U of T's Executive MBA program should be allowed to charge at-cost tuition, he was unaware the government was looking at making students pay the

full cost of their education.

"It is not only the first I have ever heard of it, it strikes me as inconceivable for a province

with as strong a public education system as Ontario to support the idea," he said.

Nicole Seguin, spokesperson for the Ontario Federation of Students, said she was surprised the government is considering actions that oppose the party's policy of freezing tuition in the short-term and eliminating it in the long-term.

"They are looking at a 500 per cent increase in tuition fees and making OSAP more inaccessible when students are facing increasing costs with less money," said Seguin. "I think this demonstrates a real desperation on the government's part to increase revenue."



Money's Too Tight to Mention

OTTAWA (CUP) — More students are being forced to seek financial help as tuition fees continue to rise and employment opportunities dwindle.

Judy Stymest, director of financial aid at Montreal's McGill University, said she has noticed a "definite trend" of more students applying for grants and loans.

"Statistics for this year are not yet available but we certainly have a sense that the numbers are increasing," said Stymest.

But McGill's financial aid resources have been rising too slowly to keep up with the growing numbers of students requiring assistance. Despite the addition of a few new grants every year, there has been no substantial increase in money available for students, Stymest said.

This year, more than 9,000 students were refused funding by the provincial government, said Hans Daigeler, the provincial member of parliament for Nepean, Ont.

On top of government funding cutbacks, students had to deal with a severe drop in student employment this summer. There were more than 150,000 students out of work this summer.

Cheaper Ticket to Ride

WINDSOR (CUP) — Students at the University of Windsor will be riding city buses for free this term—sort of.

Windsor's city council approved a pilot program this month to provide full- and part-time students with free bus passes for 10 weeks. They'll continue to receive free passes—if students agree to pay an extra \$60 each in student fees every year to subsidize Windsor's transit company.

Windsor's monthly bus passes currently cost \$52.

"I personally don't have a problem paying the \$30 to get the pass," said Kristine Robinson, the student council president at U of W.

The city hopes that traffic congestion around the university will be alleviated if more students take the bus.

So far, only about 1,000 of the university's 14,500 full- and part-time students are using the free passes.

The student council will hold a referendum in November, asking students to approve the \$30 fee increase.

In Ottawa, university and college students pay \$41.50 for a monthly bus pass, while the regular adult pass costs \$48. Students at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver also get a discounted bus rate.

Student groups in Montreal, Winnipeg, Toronto and Vancouver have been lobbying their cities' transit companies to get reduced rates for college and university students—but without much luck.

Montreal's transit company says it stands to lose at least \$10 million by lowering fares for university and college students.

Stop Shooting Them People

MONTREAL (CUP) — Concordia University wants handguns to be banned in Canada.

On Sept. 23, Concordia Rector Patrick Kenniff officially launched a petition to prohibit handgun ownership by everyone except the army and law enforcement officers. He said the petition has gained support across the country.

The petition, destined for Parliament Hill, cites the fact that five people were shot at Concordia on Aug. 24 by an individual carrying three legally-acquired handguns.

The petition doesn't ask to ban all firearms. Kenniff said choosing handguns simplified its focus.

"We need something clear and simple that people can identify," he said. "Handguns are used much more frequently and are more easily transportable (than other guns)."

Kenniff said exceptions could be made for people who have gun collections, belong to gun clubs, or hunt.

The university has advocated gun control along with the Montreal-based Coalition for Gun Control since the December 1989 shootings at Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique.

The Canadian Association of University Teachers, the Canadian Medical Association, the Canadian Bar Association and the Conference of Rectors and Principals of Quebec Universities are helping distribute the petition, and Kenniff said Concordia is hoping for half a million signatures.

The petition has been signed by 7,500 people at Concordia so far.

Profs Can Teach (Really!)

OTTAWA (CUP) — A group of Canadian professors want university presidents to improve the teaching quality at their schools.

The professors asked the presidents to "initiate, promote and facilitate discussions and activities that will enhance the status and improve the overall quality of teaching," in a letter written in September.

The professors, have all received the 3M Teaching Fellowship Award, which recognizes 10 outstanding professors at Canadian Universities.

Each recipient is nominated by his or her own students.

The letter follows in the footsteps of last year's Commission of Inquiry on Canadian University Education, a broad-based independent inquiry sponsored by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.

The commission found "teaching is seriously undervalued at Canadian universities and nothing less than a total recommitment is required."

The professors ask the presidents to publicly endorse and encourage the importance of effective teaching, while being innovative in curriculum changes, teaching awards and teacher training.

"In universities, for many decades, research has counted the most and teaching has been undervalued," said Dr. Vladimir Sistek, who has taught for 24 years in the Department of Anatomy at the University of Ottawa.

"You have to get a grant for research and, if you didn't get a grant, it's no good. Without productivity there is no tenure," said Sistek, who won the 3M award in 1986.

Other Feature

Torture by Pop Music, Killer Dogs and Roommates from Hell

by Romeo St. Martin, CUP

You've just moved into your new place at the start of September and it's only October, and you want to get out. Really badly. Those two people whom you *thought* you knew before you started living together, have become your roommates. You don't call them your friends, you don't even mention their names. They just go by "roommates."

You'll soon come to learn that when you live with people, even people you thought you knew well before, the little things mean a lot. Hidden idiosyncrasies manifest themselves in repetitive circumstances at a rate that makes the term of your lease seem like a life sentence in San Quentin.

Oh sure, Jack, Janet and Chrissy got along great on *Three's Company*, but on TV the dishes get washed by some unionized set worker, the phone bill is covered by the network and Chrissy never 'cut one' every time she watched the news.

Not to say that life should be perfect and that no roommate situations work out well. Many people are lucky enough to find roommates they can stand, but others aren't so lucky.

So if you're having a rough time and are marking the days until your lease expires, don't worry, you're not alone. Here are some of the bad experiences you may have noticed by now.

The Surprise Addition

I had only lived in my new townhouse for three weeks when one of my roomies came home with a surprise.

"What's this?" I asked.

"It's Cujo. Half pitbull, half Rottweiler."

"Well, whose dog is it?"

"Mine, can you believe it? I only got him for \$50, he's got all his shots and he can kill on command."

"You mean to say I now live with a vicious dog?" I asked in disgust.

"Isn't it great?" he said with glee. "Here's his attack command."

He handed me a folded piece of paper, which I unfolded and read.

"The," it read.

"The," I thought. "How am I going to be able to spend the rest of my life without saying 'the'?"

"You're putting me on," I said.

"This has got to be some kind of joke."

"What, you don't like Cujo?"

"It's not that I don't like Cujo, I'm sure he's a fine member of his species. It's just his attack command."

"What's wrong with it?"

"What's wrong with it? It's impossible not to say it, what the hell"

Rrrrrroooooaaarrrrr, rrrrrrr

The next day you get home early from class and decide to catch up on your reading. You sit at your desk in the silence of your room. Then your roommate comes home and cranks the music this time.

"Hello, you fool, I love you/ C'mon join the joyride/ Be a joyrider." Your studying begins to slide.

That weekend you have a party at your place and your roommate puts on some music.

"Hello, you fool, I love you/

the Hades-like temperature of the rest of the room, sends your body into spasmodic convulsions. you are now in a life or death struggle.

"Must get shampoo out of hair Must rinse hair ... Must get shampoo out of eyes .. Must find water tap ... Can't see, but must turn tap off."

8:02. You're out of the shower.

8:03. Out of the bathroom, only to see your roommate eating breakfast — with one food from

You grab the TV guide to see what's on for your viewing pleasure tonight. As you flip the pages, you notice that almost all of the channel blocks are filled in with black pen. The only channel boxes not filled are your roommates' selections. You have no choice tonight but to watch *MacGyver*, *Hunter* and *Jake and the Fat Man*. This should come as no surprise, since your roommate is the same person who thought *Nova* was a show about how to maintain an old Chevy and that *Masterpiece Theatre* was hosted by Cy Spirling.

After watching an hour of *MacGyver* saving the world from a complete nuclear holocaust by applying a dab of pine tar to a crazed leader's red "doomsday" button, you begin to grow tired of the antics of *MacGyver*. You decide to give *Hunter* a try.

Hunter and his partner, on another one of their regular high-speed chases through the alleyways of Los Angeles, squeal their tires, fire their pistols and sideswipe the bad guy's car in a scene which runs for five minutes with background music from *The Mod Squad*. Following the spectacular chase, *Hunter* emerges from his car, pulls out his pistol and shouts, "Freeze! Police!"

Your roommate, who had sat on the edge of his seat for the entire chase scene — like the villains are going to get away — turns to you and in complete seriousness says, "Wow, that Fred Dryer is some actor."

The End

I had only lived with Cujo for three days, most of them spent in hospital getting tetanus shots, when I decide to give him a surprise of his own.

"C'mon, Cujo, let's go for a walk."

"Rooffff, rooffff," he says.

Little did he know that he was headed to a distinct society where there was civil law, different culture and the only articles he would hear would be "le", "la" et "les". There would be no "the" and Cujo could live a much less aggressive lifestyle.

"Goodbye, boy," I said with tears in my eyes — the tears were caused by a reaction to one of Cujo's bites.

"Rooffff, roooooffff," he said for the last time.

As I watched Cujo prance down Brunette, I knew he would lead a better life never having to hear the attack command which was the most common word in the English language.

But even if he did attack someone it would be okay because, it was my understanding, the Maillardville police were experts in handling these types of situations.

"Goodbye, old friend, goodbye."



The Song Remains The Same

You're lying in bed one night, trying to get some sleep. Suddenly you hear the sound of music emitting from your roommate's adjacent bedroom.

"Hello, you fool, I love you/ C'mon join the joyride/ Be a joyrider."

This becomes a regular experience and you begin to have sleeping disorders.

C'mon join the joyride/ Be a joyrider." snooze button again.

8:00 a.m. You wake up. The whole apartment feels damp. You open the door to the now vacant bathroom and step into a world where people can't see themselves in mirrors. The steam in the room makes it difficult to breathe.

8:01 a.m. You step into the shower and open the tap. The warm water splashes on your body, you soak your hair, apply shampoo and begin to build a lather. You've been in the shower for a full 20 seconds when suddenly the flow of hot water ends and the water turns ice cold. The freezing sensation, mixed with

each of the four major food groups — reading the morning paper with perfectly conditioned, moussed and blow-dried hair.

8:04. Unable to comb hair because steam has made wiping clean the bathroom mirror virtually impossible.

8:14. Fog finally leaves and you comb your hair.

8:16. You miss the 8:15 bus and realize you're going to be late again for your morning class.

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ROADKILLS: A Not Very Shocking Expoxse

by Ryan Cousineau

Unlike many post-secondary institutions, Douglas College has no on-campus housing. This means that everyone who attends classes commutes to get here. Transportation is therefore a relevant issue for everyone.

Since September 1 I have arrived at the campus via car, carpool, bus, Skytrain, bicycle and motorcycle. I have some opinions on which transportation tricks work best, and which ones I like best. Since I also like writing almost as much as I like bicycles, this column is the logical result. What follows is a short survey of how each method of getting here stacks up.

Car/carpool—cars are weatherproof and versatile, but are also the most expensive means of commuting and hardest to park. Another characteristic of note: depending on where you live, and auto may be either the fastest or the slowest way here. Cars are also the worst environmental offenders. Carpools are similar except that parking isn't an issue if you aren't driving, and it reduces the pollution problem somewhat. If someone in your group has that mythical talisman known as a parking pass, then make them your official best friend, and pay him gas money. Interestingly, the College does provide a carpooling contact section on the Accommodations bulletin board across from the library, but when I last checked it there were exactly zero postings.

Bus/Skytrain — taking a bus is

usually the slowest way of getting to or from anywhere, and waiting for a bus at an unsheltered stop will convince you that public transit is not weatherproof. On the other hand, buses are environmentally friendly and cheap. Skytrain is another matter. It is easily the most environmentally friendly transportation short of bicycles, and if you live in the right place, Skytrain will burn past buses, bikes and cars. Incidentally, Skytrain and the bus are by far the safest ways to get to class.

Motorcycle — Motorcycles are fuel efficient, easy to park, and fast; an aggressive motorcyclist can cover the same distance as a car in a significantly lower amount of time, and the more congested the route the greater the time difference. Motorcycles also enjoy a special advantage at Douglas College: even when the underground parking is "full," the parking attendants will let bikes in. This is because there are several corners and alcoves that are unusable for cars, and all are designated as motorcycle parking. These spots are never full and at 25 cents per hour, it is probably the best parking deal in the Lower Mainland. Motorcycles have some serious disadvantages though. Motorcycles are not as environmentally friendly as one might expect — the emissions standards for bikes are surprisingly lax — and a fuel-efficient car such as the Geo Metro will get better mileage than all but the smallest of motorcycles. Nor are motorcycles weatherproof; while there is some excellent rain gear available for

motorcycles, it is no match for the full enclosure of a car. As well, there is the safety issue. Motorcycles are one of the most dangerous ways of getting around, and anyone who chooses to ride a motorcycle must address the safety issue.

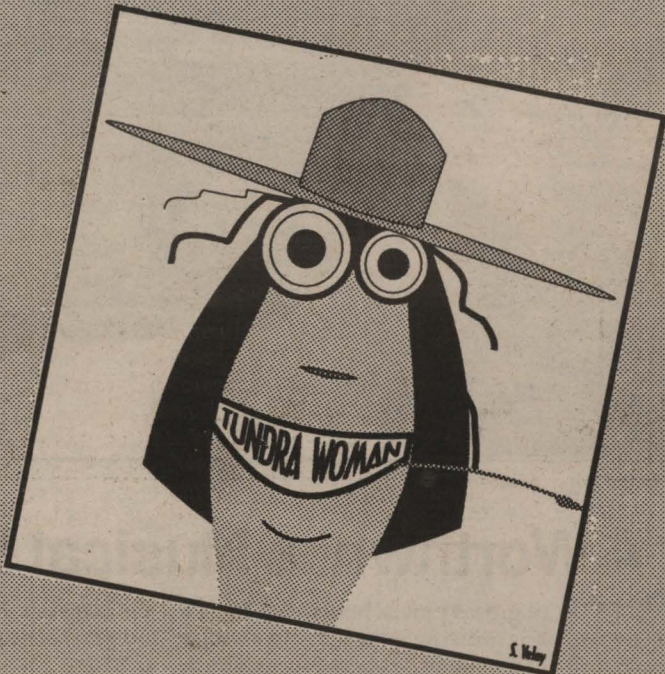
Bicycles — Bicycles are even more fuel efficient, even easier to park, and, depending on where you live, can be the fastest way of getting to class. Of course, bicycles can also be the slowest and most exhausting route to school, but how much do you want from transportation that has zero emissions and makes you healthier? As for weatherproofing,

see the entry above on motorcycles, although bicycles are almost easier to deal with in the rain; rain does not obscure your vision as dangerously at 15 km/h, and you are typically expected to change your clothes at your destination whether or not you get soaked by rain. And again, the safety issue must be addressed. An interesting aside on the subject of safety is the growing popularity of bicycle helmets. I trace this to an increasing awareness of the dangers of bicycling, combined with the introduction of helmets that look good enough to make a fashion statement.

In the end, however, the main reason for riding a bike of either kind to school is for fun. If I had my choice, I would ride my motorcycle to school every day, and the bicycles parked in front of the bookstore even in the dead of winter testify to the dedication of a few hard-core bicyclists.

A Final Note: The Douglas College Motorcycle Club is holding its first meeting on Monday, October 5, 4:00pm, room 2803, New Westminster campus. Dare to be socially unacceptable.

Next Week: Douglas College by parachute.



Other News

Students Charged with Sexual Assault

OTTAWA (CUP) — Admitting it bungled the investigation of an alleged rape a year ago, the RCMP has now charged three men with sexually assaulting a fellow student in a campus residence at the University College of Cape Breton last fall.

A woman first went to the Sydney, N.S., detachment of the RCMP and reported an alleged assault in September 1991. Police rebuffed her, saying there was not enough evidence to lay charges against the three men she accused.

story." The woman's lawyer, Elizabeth Cusack Walsh, said her client wasn't surprised that the three students were charged.

"We knew there was enough evidence," Cusack Walsh said. She said the RCMP officer who charged the alleged victim with public mischief should be disciplined.

According to the RCMP, the force is reviewing its handling of the case, but an internal investigation has not been launched.

Donald Fewer, the school's dean of student services, said the university could mete out its own punishment if the students are found guilty of sexual assault.

"According to the school's judicial code, any student who is charged with an incident at the university or at

a university-related event could be punished," Fewer said.

The punishment could range from a fine to expulsion, he said.

UCCB's interim president William Gallivan said the alleged incident has heightened awareness of safety for women among students.

Over the past year, the school has started educating students about acquaintance rape and alcohol abuses, Gallivan said in a statement.

The three men charged are: George B. Power, 19, of Stephenville, Nfld., Perry S. Winklemann, 24, of Calgary, and Paul R. McInnis, 23, of Burlington, Ont.

They will be arraigned in Sydney on Oct. 29.

Price said Power has returned to UCCB this year, but McInnis and Winklemann have not.

The woman has not returned to the school.

"We admit the whole thing was not handled right," said Sgt. Bill Price.

Instead, they charged the 19-year-old woman with public mischief, a charge that was later dropped for lack of evidence.

Now, police admit they made a mistake.

On Sept. 11, the RCMP in Halifax overturned the early decision not to proceed with the case. Two former student and one returning student have been charged with sexual assault.

"We admit the whole thing was not handled right," said Sgt. Bill Price, an RCMP spokesperson. "She should have her day in court."

When she originally approached police, one RCMP officer repeatedly told the woman that she had not been assaulted, the woman said in a statement last fall.

"He used words like 'baloney' and 'bull' when I tried to explain what happened," she said. "He threatened to humiliate me further if I did not cooperate by changing my

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Mann Scalps 'The Last of the Mohicans'



"A little lower, Danny ... now to the left ... aaaaaahhhhhhhh. That's it."

The Last of the Mohicans is a big movie. A very big movie. In fact a big movie of epic proportions. A very big movie with a big budget. Big actors... many actors—and also a big flop.

The Last of the Mohicans
directed by Michael Mann
Cinplex-Odeon
reviewed by Angela Chiotakos

I am incredibly disappointed with this movie for big, big reasons. Where to begin...well, let's start with the biggest reason—Michael Mann.

Michael Mann produced and directed this movie, and also co-wrote the screen play with Christopher Crowe. Now, what do you expect to get when you throw wads o' cash at the man who brought you *Miami Vice*?

Mann seems to be suffering from an extreme case of over control—he spreads himself far too thin where he desperately needs the talents of others by his side (or more appropriately, holding his hand).

The screenplay, based on the novel by James Fenimore Cooper, is a sad attempt at historical drama. The dialogue is corny, the scenes are disjointed, and the movie in general is difficult to follow. At times I found myself exclaiming, "oh, puke," under my breath; even more surprising was the woman beside me nodding in agreement. Mann should definitely not be allowed to write anything to be made for human consumption. Ever.... NEVER.

The cinematography is beautiful, unfortunately Mann's direction kills it. There are too many cliché shots of man cradling woman in the shadow of the setting sun.

The shots are wide and expansive, filmed with a wide lens for much, if not all, of the movie. Mann, in trying to recreate the feel of the vast, open environment, left me feeling alienated. The shots are so wide I feel like I'm lost.

Daniel Day-Lewis unconvincingly plays a white man, Hawkeye, adopted as a child by a Mohicans family. The two main (white) women in this movie are the best things going for this movie. Madeleine Stow and Johdi May, who portray Cora and Alice Munro, the daughters of a British Colonel, are magnificent. These women took mediocre roles in a bad script, and yet they still created interesting and realistic people.

Most insulting is that this movie isn't even about Mohicans! It's about a bunch of white people, a bunch of white people using natives, a bunch of white people...etc. It portrays

natives in a stereotypical fashion. I have yet to see a historic movie which does not portray first nation peoples in a war mongering and aggressive light. There are at least twenty people scalped by Indians but I wonder how many people know that scalping was first started by the Europeans.

The bad guy, a native called Magua, portrayed by Cherokee actor Wes Studi, is the typical bloodthirsty "savage". He is out to avenge the murder of his family by the British. The attack apparently led by Colonel Munro, played by Maurice Roe. Not only does he seek out Munro but his daughters as well. In paraphrase, Magua sneers, "I want you to know I will eliminate your seed from the earth".

Studi, in fact, makes excuses for the character he plays. In the press release he is quoted as saying, "even an Indian on the North American continent can in some way identify with this man because of the loss he has suffered. Better men, lesser men would have done the same things he does....So he isn't really a bad man. He's a man clouded by passion and maybe temporarily insane."

The operative word is BIG.

What a bunch of shit! If you are someone who respects the First Nations People and shuns racism, Hollywood, don't go see this movie. There are some spectacular battle scenes. They are, however, unnecessarily violent. One battle of particular mention is that of the siege on the British at Fort William Henry by the French. This is splendidly done with lots of fire power; this is one scene where the wide shots added to the film. It is a realistic and unromantic view of war.

I enjoyed the last fifteen minutes of the movie quite thoroughly, but still didn't make up for the rest of it. I enjoyed the fact that there wasn't a happy ending (many people die). My greatest relief is that Magua was allowed to become human, but this was far too little too late.

Perhaps Hollywood is realizing that audiences actually have brains and don't need fairy tale endings to make money. Unfortunately, it looks like this big flop is going to be a big undeserving box office hit.

King's X: A Worthwhile Musical Enigma

by Byrun Stedmann

King's X is in the odd position of not sounding like any band that has preceded them. They are an entity all to themselves. This position for many musicians today is as desirable as nirvana is to a Buddhist. King's X music is very much their own music; they are one of the most original bands out there (along with Living Colour and Fishbone).

Originality, however, does not ensure air play or promotion. AOR (Album Oriented Rock) and College Radio are both reticent to give King's X ample air play, if any at all.

AOR stations have stuck to using safe formulas that they believe will increase and maintain their ratings, creating in the process sterile, repetitive listening. AOR stations go with music that has been proven to be a success, thus the birth of the "classic rock station."

I figured that AOR would snatch up a band like King's X; after all, their songs are very diverse ranging from ballads (I loathe this term), to hard driving songs ("The World Around Me" or "Moanjam"), and to songs with a classic rock feel, like "Over My Head" from the album *Gretchen Goes to Nebraska*.

But, King's X isn't easily classified which means that AOR would be taking a chance by playing them, so they are relegated to late night air play and specialty programs

(e.g. heavy metal hours, etc.). King's X is growing in popularity and has had some fairly successful singles in the states, but some station programmers seem to be remaining steadfastly conservative in how much air play they can give to King's X and true modern bands like them.

I also expected college radio and alternative or modern rock radio to pick up on King's X, but to my knowledge they seem to be avoiding

that do get air play. It is my hope that radio stations can overcome their fear of taking risks and take a risk on King's X.

At this point I'd like to recommend their albums to you. First up is *Out of the Silent Planet*, from 1988. This is the weaker of the four albums, but it is still very good.

The songs are simpler but definitely not simplistic. Check out these tracks in particular: 'Visions, Far Far Away,' and 'Power of Love.' Next up is *Gretchen Goes to Nebraska*. *Gretchen...* has been critically acclaimed as King's X finest album, and is the album I recommend to get first.

My favorite tracks are: 'Pleadeis,' 'Fall On Me,' 'Out of the Silent Planet,'... basically I like every song. The third album, *Faith Hope Love*, which produced, to my knowledge, the band's first radio single (which C-FOX did play), 'It's Love.'

I recommend you get this album after *Gretchen*. Tracks to receive my praise are as follows: 'Mr. Wilson,' 'Moanjam,' 'We Were Born to be Loved,' and the title track.

The latest album which is simply called *King's X*, is an odd one for me. I really like the individual songs, but I think the album as a whole is just above average. Check out, 'Silent Wind,' 'The Big Picture,' and 'What I Know About Love.'

I hope you will give this band a listen and enjoy them as much as I do.

them as well (except for CJSF, SFU's station). The band is apparently not alternative enough, they are too conventional.

I disagree. King's X is expanding the vocabulary of rock music, reforming old clichés into something new and innovative, they treat their music like art, which is more than I can say for many alternative bands



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Walk, Don't Run to See Sneakers

by Deanne Vanessen

Ok, so the Vancouver Sun said it sucked. The Strait said it shone. I say that if you're in the mood for a light-hearted thriller that's typically "HOLLYWOOD," but can offer a lot of laughs, see *SNEAKERS*. But, don't expect the familiar from the incredible lineup; Ben Kingsley, Robert Redford, River Phoenix, Sidney Portier, Dan Ackroid, Mary McDonnell and Donald Crease. Each actor brings his or her own personality into the movie. The combined effect is phenomenal! It serves to bring the plot to a climax, in a subtle sort of way.

"Sneakers" is a company made up of ex-convicts, retroactive hippies, blind hackers and ex-CIA agents who work at breaking into buildings testing their security systems. The group is "hired" by the "U.S. Government" to locate a mysterious black box. Once they have it they find out what it can do. The U.S., the U.S.S.R. and several

organized crime rings are all willing to go to any length to get it. The race is on!

I was very impressed with the message of group achievement through working together.

I liked the way the movie flowed. I don't think any other cast could have pulled this off as successfully with half of the stylized group of actors did.

My only criticism is that I found *Sneakers* too "perfect and predictable." The action scene seemed too staged for the rest of the movie.

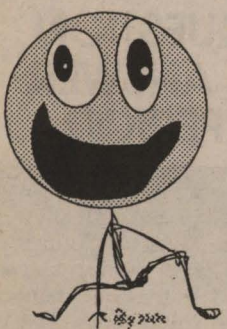
I also felt that Robert Redford and Sidney Poitier hogged the spotlight, even if their acting was impeccable. I was happy to see Mary McDonnell playing the part of an intelligent woman as opposed to that of a bimbo. Still, her part could have been written into the script a little more cleverly.

All in all, this is a very entertaining movie. Definitely worth the charge on Tuesdays!

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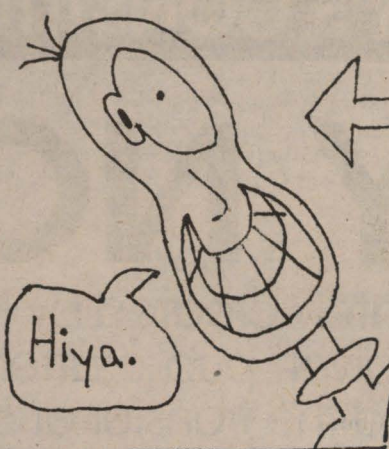
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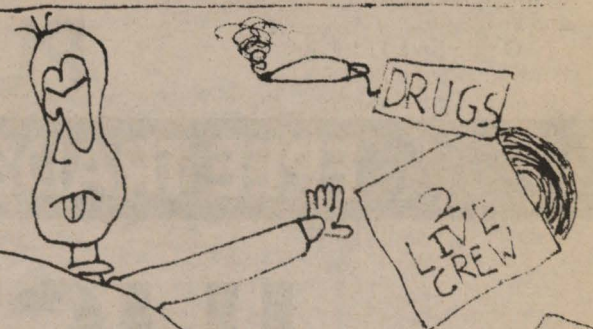
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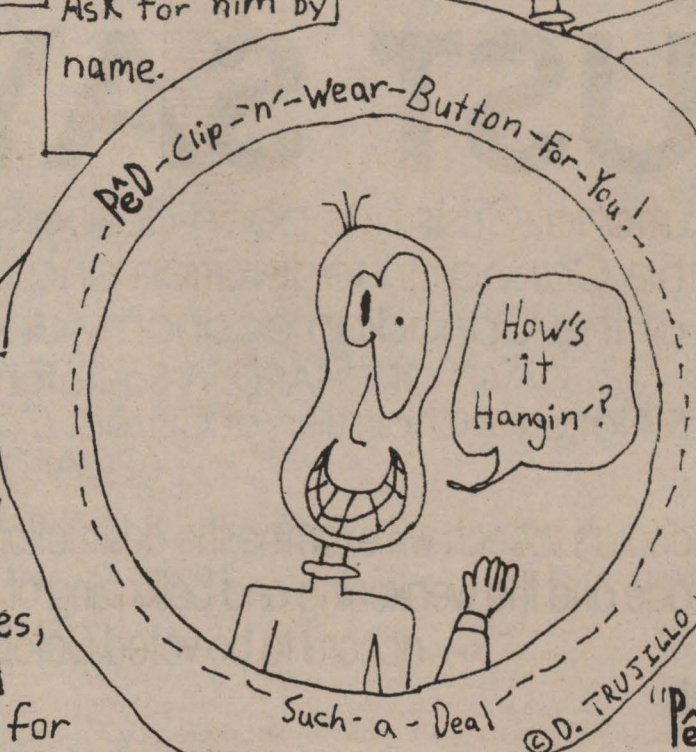


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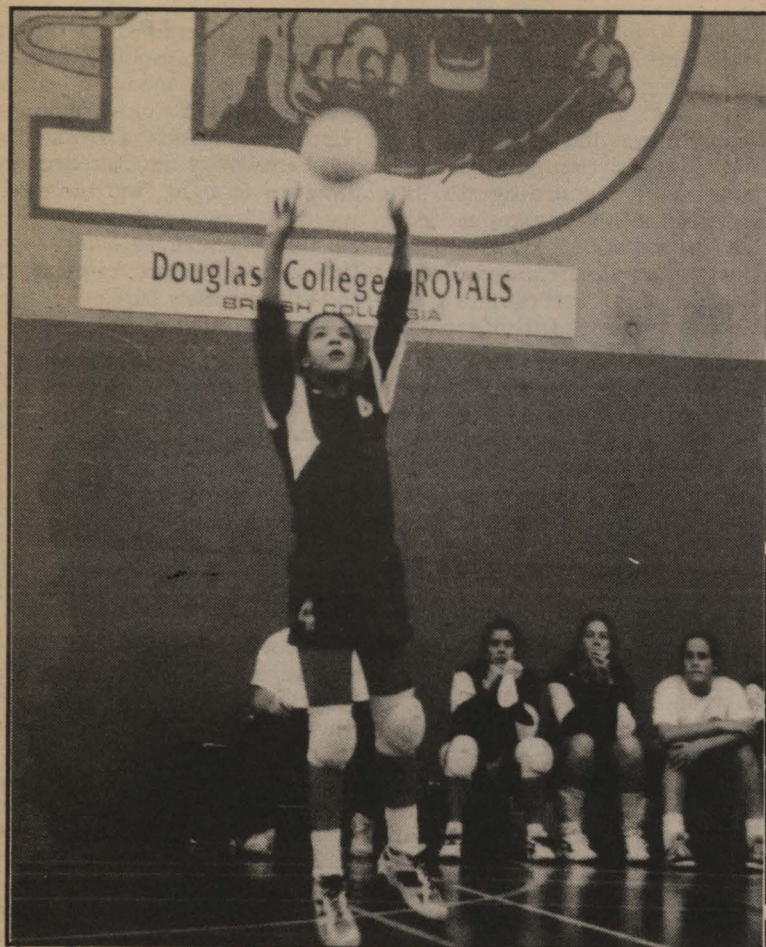
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Other Sports



Notre Dame's Stephanie Perko sets her teammates up to score

Notre Dame and Nanaimo Victorious

by Elaine Leong

Douglas College's Women's volleyball team hosted its Fifth Annual Royal Classic Sr. Girls Highschool Tournament on September 25th and 26th.

The purpose of the tournament was to fundraise money for the Women's volleyball team. Each team pays fifty dollars to participate. One thousand dollars was raised and the funds will go towards travelling expenses and other such things.

The Round-Robin tournament consisted of four pools, involving twenty schools from across the Lower Mainland.

"It's good for the girls to come out," says Joanna Horvath, a member of Douglas's volleyball team.

"It's also a great opportunity

for college and university scouts to see some of the senior year girls in action."

In the Consolation round, Nanaimo defeated Frank Hurt in on thesemi-finals 15-5, 15-12, meanwhile North Delta defeated Seaquam 11-15, 17-16, 15-5.

Nanaimo stomped North Delta

win the first set 15-1. In the second set, L.F.A. put on a better match. In the end, however, Notre Dame, determined to win, came back to defeat L.F.A. 15-13 and to become the Tournament Champs

Notre Dame's head coach, Domonic Cooke was pleased with the matches his team played.

"The team played hard and L.F.A. gave us a good match," Cooke commented, "but in the end, I think we were the more cohesive team. We had excellent serving from the entire team."

The All-star team was as follows:

Monica Vanderploeg-Bible Fellowship

Marina Moti - St. Pat's

Hilary Whiting - Nanaimo

Joanne Blesch - Notre Dame

Sandy Kukolj - Notre Dame

Ami Kanakos - L.F.A. (also tournament MVP)

On behalf of the participants, we'd like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work from concession to the officials to the coordinator, Dave Dacanale, for putting on an excellent tournament.

"In the end, I think we were the more cohesive team."

Douglas Demolishes Techies in Women's Soccer

by Elaine Leong

Saturday, September 26th, the Womens Soccer team started an unusual game as BCIT arrived with only seven players to start at Queen's Park Stadium. Douglas accommodated the lack of players by taking off three of the eleven players. Coach Dan Jones commented, "I think we achieved more in the game by cutting

down our number of players rather than bringing in a cricket score."

Douglas pulled to a strong lead in the first twenty minutes. Throughout the half, Douglas pressured the BCIT defense and forced through to score.

Jennifer Branco scored the initial goal, assisted by Angela Kermer. The

second point came from Michelle Postera, unassisted.

Danielle Dumaresq scored the next two goals unassisted, and the fifth goal, assisted by Postera. Sonya Mior, assisted by Sara Weatherby, brought in the sixth goal.

However, as two of BCIT's players could not continue past half-time the referee stopped the game,

with Douglas leading 6-0.

"Can't say it was a productive game for either team," Jones added, "but we got through it."

Next action for Douglas Women's Soccer:

- October 3rd against VCC at Langara College of Vancouver, kick-off time is 1pm.

- October 4th against Okanagan at Kelowna, kick-off time is 1pm.

- October 10th against Capilano College in Q.P. Stadium. Kick-off time is 12 noon.

Royals Win, But It's Not the Douglas College Royals

by Elaine Leong

Douglas College's Mens Soccer Team hosted the Royal Roads of Royal Roads Military College at Queens Park Stadium on September 26th.

The DC Royals were pressured by the offense of the Royal Roads. The game was definitely a challenge for the team. Good scoring chances by Joseph Nakhla, Nick Tassone, Chris Clemet, and Skylesh Mishra were foiled as the Royal Road goalie

blocked Douglas' chances to score.

The Douglas' goalie nearly matched the Royal Road goalie in stopping ball tries for goal, but could not prevent two goals by #7 of the Royal Roads, in the first thirty five minutes.

By half time, Royal Roads lead 3-0 against Douglas.

The Douglas Royals came charging back when Joseph Nakhla scored within the first fifteen minutes of the second half. A second goal was

scored by Douglas in the last ten minutes of the game.

Royal Roads came out victorious 3-2 against Douglas.

The record for Douglas stands at 1 win and 2 losses.

Next action for Douglas is against Okanagan in Kelowna on October 4th. Kick off time is 3pm. October 10th, Douglas plays at Queens Park against Capilano, kick off time is 2pm.

As the Defending B.C. Champions...

The Douglas College Golf team won its 5th consecutive BCCAA Golf Tournament at Cowichan Golf and Country Club on September 19th and 20th.

On Saturday, Douglas gained a two-stroke lead over Malaspina with a team total of 230. Individual scores included have Brendan Sheldon 73, Bryn Parry 78, Robert Ruff 79, Steve Haldane 79, Neil Dodson 81.

On Sunday, Douglas increased their lead to six shots over Malaspina on the strength of a fine 72 by Bryn Parry, Kris Kardley of Douglas scored 79, Neil Dodson scored 78 and Steve Haldane had 80.

Brendan Sheldon was a Low Gross on Saturday, meanwhile Bryn Parry was Low Gross Sunday, the overall gross.

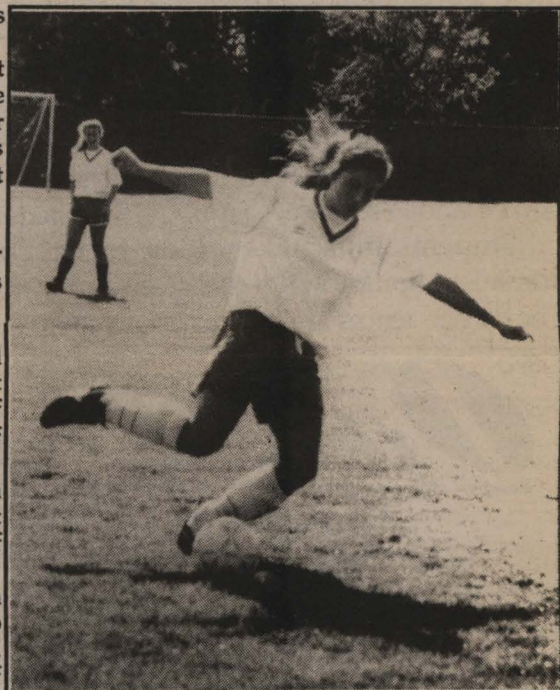
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Douglas Royal player passes the ball while teammate looks on curiously

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Other Letters

Students must take action to let Douglas College administration know how they feel, and try to fight this trend. The consequences are far too serious to do otherwise.

Peter Sabourin

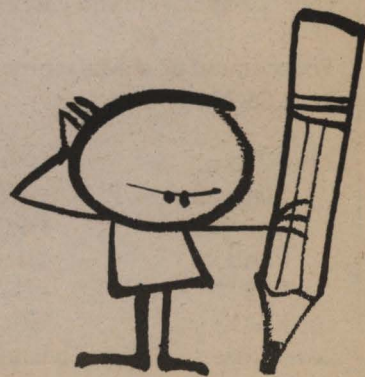
The latest "make or break the nation" constitutional accord, Meech Lake II, was announced Aug. 20, 1992. Those who opposed the package were, Brian Mulroney declared, "enemies of Canada." Joe Clark said, "the day of Judgment is at hand." Thus the nation, where not a soul has seen the text of the document, were warned — by the men who had sold

And what of her Majesty's loyal opposition, those elected and paid to oppose? As with Meech Lake I, they are marching in lock step with Mulroney. The liberals in their ongoing rush to betray the legacy of Pierre Trudeau, have rolled over offering their throats to Mulroney in submission. Nancy Riche, president of the NDP, a party which regularly

These constitutional changes will weaken the east-west ties that bind Canada in order to facilitate the north-south bonds of free trade. 18th century Poland gave each noble veto power over decisions in its parliament. The resulting paralysis led ultimately to Poland's absorption by Prussia, Russia and Austria. Canada is locked into the economic embrace of the most powerful nation ever known. The last thing it needs is the destruction of its existing constitution.

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We quibbled over food, what to order and who to order from. One staffer was a vegetarian, one was known to puke, and the rest were reasonably passive. Tony Sousa dabbled-dabbled on the computer as Tara Campbell became defensive over a happy Chris "macaroon" MacLaren who wandered in and out between classes. Elaine Leong ventured down to Chicago Tonight to get a story on ladies night, but the club was closed, and anyhow, Angus Adair beat her to it. Mark Foster commented on the red spots which danced around the boom box. Little did he know it was the ghost of Gord Belec, who had eaten some bad pizza and decided to haunt those stupid production martyrs. Tim decided to kill the giant, mutant fly sitting on his chair, but on realizing "Harry" knew the answer to life, the universe and everything, decided he wasn't such a bad fly after all. Byrun Stedmann became increasingly warped as the night went on. Angela Chiotakos, who ventured out to her car around 2:00 am, was locked out for a short while 'cause a security guard ignored her banging on the door'. Sean Velej demonstrated a natural talent for dancing and expressed his inexplicable love for The Mr. T Experience, while Marion Drakos came in to do some work after she had been shot down in her Criminology class. Adrienne Merlo came in to type up an epitaph for an old friend, and Ryan Cousineau had declared himself a bastion of conservatism. Hilary Allan declared herself a republican anarchist, but didn't know what it meant. Deanne Vanessen, confused and sedated, made contact with the underworld, but hung up on hearing the call would cost .25 cents a minute. Delusions and delirium ran rampant on Tuesday night production, then subsided into cramped slumber.

Other Editorials & Opinions

Mulroney to Sell Our Country

By Gord Belec

The Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (F.T.A.), was supposed to change the future of Canadian business, and put Canadians on a more level playing field with our American counterparts. The F.T.A. certainly has changed Canadian business and the statistics prove it.

Unemployment has increased 5% since the 1988 implementation of the F.T.A., and bankruptcies are at the highest levels in years. Let us not forget Canadian business moving south to enjoy the advantages the Americans have with the F.T.A. In four years, there have been a number of disputes, throwing the F.T.A. into non-stop controversy.

Beer and lumber exports are the most common complaints from the U.S., crying foul and saying our goods are unfairly subsidized. The most infamous controversy to date has been the Honda dispute which the Americans claimed Honda cars made in Canada did not qualify for the free trade advantages, claiming North American content did not meet the standards of 50%. North American content meaning American, and not Canadian.

As we watch blue collar jobs flow to the U.S. at an alarming rate and a shaky Canadian economy, the wonder boys in Ottawa have come up with another "good for Canada, good for Canadians" scheme called

the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Not only is this agreement supposed to open up the American market (as the F.T.A. isn't worth the paper its written on), but Mexico's market as well.

The knowledge we have learned by dealing with the Americans in the past four years should have put a freeze on talks with NAFTA until the F.T.A. has been reconciled, but here we sit awaiting our final sell out by the Mulroney government. Obviously we're not learning that competing with American protectionists is an impossible task, no matter how many dispute mechanisms are implemented into an agreement.

The Bush administration is slumping in the polls as it moves toward the November election; the Mulroney government is facing the same situation, with the Canadian public disfavoring our current government.

Both Bush and Mulroney need NAFTA in order to be successful at the polls.

The United States has put tremendous pressure on Canada to complete the talks as quickly as possible, and this will affect the quality of the agreement. Mexico will

finally flower into an industrialized nation, with NAFTA being the fertilizer Mexico's economy so

sell out our country to do so. As big business continues to run our country because our political leaders only

watch our country crumble before our eyes.

The reality of becoming the last generation of middle class is enhanced with NAFTA. The rich will become even more filthy rich and the poor will become destitute.

As long as we continue to elect these people with the elitist attitudes and interests to Ottawa, our country will continue to be pounded into the ground and our children will have nothing to build upon once this country has been sold from under our feet. Mulroney's selling, and the Americans are buying.

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desperately needs.

Yes, we should be helping our Mexican friends, but we shouldn't

have their interest at hand, and not the interests of the people who have voted them in, we will continue to

Canada's Next Generation

by Gord Belec

As I write this article, our country is facing the biggest crisis in its history. Holding together by threads, Canada's immediate future rests in the hands of political leaders we have voted in to solve the problems they have ignited. As gloomy as our future sounds, there is still hope for this great and beautiful country. We, the next generation, are that hope.

Our generation is facing tremendous burdens; a current and rapidly increasing multi-billion dollar deficit left behind by previous generations; a shattered economy has left more than one million Canadians

out of work (many of those jobs have been deleted and will never be replaced); Canada's natural resources, the key to long term survival, have been carelessly exploited; and free trade has all but given Canada away to the United States. If that isn't enough, the threat of Quebec's separation is very real, thanks to our political leaders in Ottawa.

With an urgency unknown to previous generations, we search for miracles. Our generation must first take heed of the mistakes of our predecessors, and vow never to repeat them. Fortunately, we are becoming increasingly aware of the problems

we now face and are taking steps towards challenging those problems. We will decide the balance of our country by our decisions and actions. We did not ask for this situation, but unfortunately we do not have a choice. We must deal with it in an efficient and effective way if Canada is to survive.

I believe in our generation, and I believe in Canada, and I think that is the miracle that Canada so desperately needs. This is our country, our land, and we are the generation to take Canada to new heights. We cannot waste this precious opportunity, for Canada's destiny rests in our hands.

Bush Makes Fairer Game than Quayle

by Byrun Stedmann

In Elizabethan theatre patrons used to bring rotting vegetables to performances. Why? If the actors weren't performing to the standards that the patrons were expecting, the disgruntled patrons would throw their decaying projectiles at the actors who let them down.

How did the people in charge deal with this situation? They couldn't prevent the people from bringing in

their vegetables, so they came up with a clever idea: why not set up a diversion? Thus, a fool was set up just off to the side of the stage. Now people could hurdle their frustration, displeasure, and anger at a fool rather than the key players on the main stage.

The same principle applies to the Bush administration and Dan Quayle. He is the jester of the Republican stage. Another applicable analogy is that Mr. Quayle is a flack

jacket, as he takes the brunt of the abuse poured onto the Bush administration.

Quayle is a favorite victim of comedian/ex-talk show host, Dennis Miller and the TV show, *Murphy Brown*. Ol' Dano has put his foot in the proverbial cow patty so many times I must ask, why the hell did Bush pick this guy to be his second in command? A look at Bush is required to answer that question.

During the 1988 election race,

Bush had been referred to as an invisible man during his two terms as vice-president in the Reagan administration. He has often been criticized as being a bland, flat, boring person, lacking in personality.

As for the critiques of his character I will leave that to the professional media and the people who know him, but I do believe that his dull public image can give us an idea of how Bush might operate. Let's take a look at his time in the Vice-President's office.

In his 1986 book, *Capitol Offenses*, Allan Fotheringham quotes the Washington columnist George F. Will as writing, "...that the thin, tinny sound coming from Bush 'was' 'Arf' the sound of the lapdog." Fotheringham had also placed Bush in the category of "Those on the downgrade for the 1988 Republican presidential election."

It's obvious that Bush doesn't have the charm of Ronald Reagan, or Jimmy Carter for that matter. He doesn't inspire people as Reagan did; Reagan could recite a speech of empty rhetoric and inspire a nationalistic fervor in Americans (and frighteningly enough, some Canadians).

Bush comes across as being a stiff, wooden graduate of a preppy Ivy League University. He seems only to inspire those who really believe in the Republican Party. Bush just comes across as bland. But perhaps Bush's apparent blandness isn't just blandness, perhaps it's partly a front put up in order to maintain a low profile.

Bush has been very quiet compared to Reagan, who was always in the public eye. The news was full of stories and trivial scandals about Ronnie, and Ron and Nancy. The most memorable of George's stories is when he threw up in Japan.

Then there was the S&L scandal, which received virtually no attention because of the Gulf War; the Los Angeles Times was the only paper, to my knowledge, to really go after Bush for the scandal.

Bush's son, Neil, was heavily involved in it, and some people have suggested that the Gulf War was an attempt to hide it. The Kennedys have Ted, Carter has his brother Billy, and Bush could have had Neil.

Reagan, you see, was the Teflon man. No matter how much crud and gunk was thrown at him, it would never stick. Bush, however, is the political equivalent to Velcro. He has to avoid large publicity because the scandals would just stick to him (people still joke about Japan).

George was hardly even noticed during his two terms in the Vice-Presidents office. There was the odd reference to him in the news, the infrequent appearance in a political cartoon, and the only things of note that he did in this time was to stand in for Reagan after he (Reagan) was shot, as well as filling in for the former President at the celebration of the 40th anniversary of World War II in San Francisco in 1985. (Reagan was out riding at a ranch).

It is now 1992, and Bush is a low key President with a Vice-President who sticks out like a florescent orange fowl at a turkey shoot. I should add that there has been some discussion in the past over the purpose of the office of the Vice-President, and that they seem to have a tradition of being invisible.

So why should Quayle be such an exception to the rule (though the Vice-President's office still doesn't seem to have any acceptable, public reason for existing)? As I said before, Quayle is the Republican's fool: he exists to distract the people and the media from the principle players on the main political stage.

Taking pot-shots at Quayle is as pointless as going duck hunting to shoot the decoys; it's a waste of time, effort and ammunition. Dan Quayle isn't in charge, George Herbert Bush is, and Bush makes fairer game than Quayle.

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(Dan Quayle) is the jester of the Republican stage

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provinces while the House of Commons would be based more on the principle of representation by population. As well, Quebec would be assured a minimum 25% of the seats in the House of Commons.

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